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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR AGRICULTURE: FAS, NOVOTNY; CANBERRA FOR AG. ATT.

FROM AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA SELLS ONE MILLION TONS OF WHEAT TO PRC

REF: STATE 157391

1. ACCORDING TRADE SOURCE, AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD DELEGATION, RECENTLY EXITING PRC VIA HONG KONG, NOT ONLY WORKED OUT PRICE AND DELIVERY DETAILS FOR SHIPMENT OF ONE MILLION TONS OF WHEAT (PART OF OCTOBER 18, 1973 SALE OF 4.5-4.8 MILLION METRIC TONS) WHILE IN PEKING, BUT ALSO SOLD ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION METRIC TONS OF WHEAT TO PRC.

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, WHEAT IN NEW SALE IS PRIMARILY FAQ BUT ALSO INCLUDES QUOTE SOME HARD WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS UNQUOTE. DELIVERY IS SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1974 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1975. PAYMENT PLUS INTEREST DUE AT END OF ONE YEAR.

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3. COMMENT: NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE BUT ASSUME AWB WILL
MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT SOON. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LARGE QUANTITY
OF WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA FOR NEARBY DELIVERY, ADDED TO
EXPECTED HEAVY SHIPMENTS US WHEAT IN SECOND HALF CY1974
(SEE REFTEL), PLUS EARLIER SCHEDULED DELIVERIES FROM
ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND FRANCE, IS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTING, IF NOT PUZZLING, IN VIEW RECENT CHINESE
CLAIMS OF BUMPER WINTER GRAIN HARVEST.
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